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By "COMMENTATOR

SINCE Tsar Nicholas II proposed, in 1899, the convening of a disarmament conference at The Hague, there have been many such meetings — all of them unsuccessful. As for the present discussions at the U.N. Assembly, the only comment to be made in fairness is that chances for its success are perhaps slighter than ever before.

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A LARGE measure of responsibility for this sad state of affairs lies, of course, with the West and especially with the United States which precipitated the present crisis by carrying out a most rigorous disarmament plan without regard for political considerations after World War II. Official Soviet military expenditures were:

1944: 128 milliard rubles
1949: 79 milliard rubles

Official U.S. military expenditures (both Army and Navy) were:

1945: 79 milliard dollars
1949: 10 milliard dollars

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COMPARING these figures, it appears, therefore, that while the Russians cut their expenditures to less than one-half, the U.S. slashed them to one-eighth! These hard facts, for one reason or another never contained in the leaflets published by the "partisans of peace," have nevertheless been well known, but they were ignored by Western statesmen. The rude awakening came in the summer of 1950 with the Communist invasion of Southern Korea, when it appeared suddenly that the East had a considerable military preponderance as far as "conventional" arms were concerned. Had the West followed the Soviet example and disbanded only half of its armed forces, there would be now less hysteria in the U.S. and less nervousness in Russia. The shooting war in the Far East would probably have been prevented, and there would be no need for a Western German army.

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AS for the Russians' desire for disarmament, the only fact which has emerged during the present U.N. session is that this appears not much stronger than that of the Americans (vide their refusal to discuss the Western proposals) and this is not very strong. The Americans have frankly admitted that they cannot foresee any common ground for a disarmament programme, as long as the West does not feel safe. "Feeling safe," to be sure, is a relative concept. Generals and Marshals frequently feel safe only when they are three or four times stronger than the foe. But let us assume that not they, but the diplomats and politicians will have their say; it would appear that the chances for a disarmament plan to be accepted in a year or so, when the West will have made good in "conventional" arms, will be far better than they are now.

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THE main stumbling block, then, would be Soviet opposition to the establishment of a supreme controlling body which "would undermine the sovereignty of our country" as Mr. Gromyko has said. From the Russian point of view, this opposition is perfectly understandable; they are not interested in the location of American atomic installations, —this information can be found in any U.S. newspaper. But allowing hundreds of foreigners to prowl about Soviet factories or to drive freely from town to town would undermine a fundamental principles of Soviet rule.

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WESTERN statesmen seem to believe that Russia does not want war in 1952. Having scored a minor propaganda victory by forwarding a disarmament plan of their own, in order not to leave this domain entirely to Mr. Vyshinsky, they would probably have done better to put this item at the end instead of at the head of their agenda, and deal in the meantime with another subject where chances of agreement are as remote.

Jerusalem, November 23.

Korean Truce Line Charted

PANMUNJOM, Saturday, (UP). — U.N. and Communist negotiators agreed today on half the Korean cease-fire line, but their failure to complete the line set back the "Truce by Christmas" programme at least 24 hours.

Two staff officers from each side spent more than five hours poring over maps and trying to reconcile their versions of the location of the present battle-line, which will become the cease-fire line if other armistice terms are settled within 30 days.

They agreed on 15 to 20 miles of the east coast sector, and then on small segments of the line the rest of the way to the west coast. The agreed portions added up to about 65 or 75 miles.

A U.N. spokesman said "certain areas of major disagreement" remain, but would not say how many. In the case of several disputed areas U.N. negotiators suggested a group fly to the front in a liaison plane. The Communists declined the proposition.

"They are making claims not only to positions in no-man's-land, but to positions behind our lines," an Allied spokesman said. He added: "But we are still bargaining on the assumption that they want to establish the line as much as we do."

The four-man committee will meet again tomorrow in an attempt to trace the remainder of the 145-mile front. Both sides have already agreed that opposing armies shall withdraw one and a quarter miles from the contact line to form a buffer zone when the armistice is signed.

Text of Cease-Fire Line Agreement

PANMUNJOM, Saturday, (Reuter).—The text of the cease-fire line agreement reached here on Friday, reads:

"A sub-delegation of the United Nations Command delegation and a delegation of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's volunteers has reached the following agreement on the second item of the agenda: 'Fixing a military demarcation line between both sides so as to establish a demilitarized zone as the basic condition for the cessation of hostilities in Korea.'

"1. The principle is accepted that the actual line of contact between both sides (as determined under either paragraph 2 or 3, as appropriate) will be made the military demarcation line and that at a time specified in a signed armistice agreement both sides will withdraw two kilometres from this line so as to establish a demilitarized zone for the duration of the military armistice.

"2. In accordance with the above-stated principles the sub-delegation will determine immediately the present line of contact so as to fix it as the military demarcation line and as the mean line of the demilitarized zone.

"If the armistice agreement is signed within 30 days after the two delegations approve in the plenary session this agreement and the location of the above military demarcation line and demilitarized zone, the military demarcation line and demilitarized zone shall not be changed regardless of whatever changes may occur in actual line of contact between both sides.

"3. In view of the fact that hostilities will continue until the signing of the armistice agreement, if the military armistice agreement is not signed within 30 days after the two delegations approve in the plenary session this agreement and the specific location of the military demarcation line and demilitarized zone determined after paragraph 2 above, the delegations shall revise, immediately prior to the signing of the military armistice agreement, the above-mentioned demarcation line and demilitarized zone in accordance with the changes which have occurred in the actual line of contact between both sides so that the revised military demarcation line will coincide exactly with the line of contact between both sides immediately prior to the signing of the military armistice agreement and shall constitute the military demarcation line for the duration of the military armistice."

Bodies of Britons In Ismailia Canal

ISMAILIA, Saturday. — British soldiers recovered the body of a British sergeant after draining 300 metres of the Sweet-Water Canal near here today. The body of another British sergeant had been found there yesterday, leading to the draining of the canal.

In the dock area of Port Said today a British soldier was stabbed in the back three times by an Egyptian terrorist who stole his rifle. In Port Fuad yesterday Egyptian terrorists bound and gagged the wife of a British official while searching her house.

The British announced today that four Egyptian terrorists were killed and a fifth wounded in a fight in Port Said dockyards yesterday.

This raised the death toll of Egyptians in the Canal Zone to 25 since the night of November 17.

In Cyprus yesterday the British army promised full protection to Cypriots working in the Canal Zone. This was in reply to a statement issued by the Egyptian Consulate in Cyprus, warning Cypriots that foreigners going to Egypt without a visa were liable to punishment.

(AP, Reuter, UP)

2 Guards Wounded By Marauders

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Two guards at a Negev settlement were shot and wounded by marauders early this morning. Police who rushed to the spot found footprints leading towards the border.

The injured men, who were guarding a Solel Boneh building materials depot, were taken to Hadassah Hospital in Beersheba and are reported to be out of danger. They are Avraham Bagula, 42, and Eliahu ben Salach Eliahu, 53.

U.S. Charges Soviets Intercepted Plane

PARIS, Saturday (AP).—The U.S. today accused Russia of intercepting and attacking a U.S. naval plane without warning while the plane was over international waters off Siberia.

The plane has been missing and "presumed lost" since November 6, when it set out on a weather reporting mission.

The protest was sent to the Secretary-General of the U.N. for submission to the Security Council.

The note said that the route of the plane did not approach closer than 40 miles to USSR territory, and that the pilot had been briefed not to approach to closer than 20 miles of USSR territory under any circumstances.

A Soviet protest note handed to the U.S. on November 7 claimed a U.S. plane had been engaged by Soviet fighters after crossing the Soviet-Manchurian border and flying over Vladivostok.

Mossadegh Asks Elections Now

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter) — Premeir Mossadegh, facing mounting domestic difficulties, wants immediate general elections, though the Majlis (Lower House) has already voted to postpone them till December 18.

Dr. Mossadegh told the Shah last night, after returning from Egypt and the U.S., that his government was determined to hold elections without further delay, a spokesman said today.

The joint declaration issued by Egypt and Iran on Thursday night laid the basis for closer ties between the two countries and, ultimately, a system of multilateral pacts throughout the Middle East.

IL.150 a Day Is Not Enough

Cash contributions to the POST-Sa'ad Hanna Aid Society Toy Fund have been coming in at the rate of about IL.150 a day. This is about a third of what is needed to begin satisfying the needs of children in the ma'abarot. Cheques will be accepted at any of The Jerusalem POST's offices.

Money received to date to-talc IL.1,387,500. Contributions received in the last few days include:

IL.50.—"A Friend from Holland";
IL.25.—Mr. Y. Federman, Haifa.
"Tiyulim" Ltd.;
IL.10.—Michael (S) & Irit (I) Federman, Haifa, from their own pocket money. Anonymous Jerusalem. Mr. S.S.; Dr. Elier Argaman;
IL.5.—Prof. O. Gurfin, Polish Consul-General, Jerusalem; Mr. Elishu Levanin, Jerusalem; Dr. S. Degani, Mr. Abdulla E. Samakh, Tour Ltd., Bank Leumi, Jerusalem Branch, Joan Greenberg, Jerusalem, Hanoch Eisenstark, Haifa;
IL.4.500.—Anonymous, Haifa;
IL.3.—Mr. & Mrs. H. Kubik in the name of their two grandchildren Rachel & Ruth, Jerusalem;
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IL.1.—Mrs. Gorai, Gershon Jarutsky, Anonymous, Gabriel Lewinsohn, Jerusalem, Mordechai Sourin, Rachel Kinori, Haifa, Ezekiel Pardun, Haifa.

SIX KILLED IN CRASH of EL AL CARGO PLANE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — **Six of the seven crew-members of an El Al special freight-carrying plane were killed in a crash near Zurich airport, in Switzerland this morning.**

The plane was coming in to land when the crash occurred, Mr. A. L. Pincus, managing director of the Israel Air Line, told the press here this evening. It was a A.D.C. 4 Skymaster and was carrying cargo, mainly textiles, on a Lydda - Rome - Zurich-Amsterdam run. In view of the long run, the aircraft carried a double crew and a mechanic. There were no passengers aboard this special cargo plane. The dead were:

Captain Theodore Gibson, 36 unmarried, from Miami, Florida;
Captain Richard G. Constant, 32, who leaves a wife here;
Terence Melly, of Johannesburg, married;
George Hessinger, 32, of Toledo, Ohio;
Morgen Jensen, 28, of Copenhagen, Denmark; and
Shlomo Levita, 23, single of Rehovot, who was the only Israeli aboard the aircraft at the time.

Michael Quercia, of Brooklyn, New York, was injured and is now in hospital in Zurich.

According to information received by the airline here, the weather at the time of the crash was good, with a six-kilometre visibility and cloud at 400 metres. The pilot was in radio contact with the airport tower at Zurich at 8.16 (Israel time) this morning, receiving landing instructions, and apparently crashed 3 minute later, at 8.17. No further details were available here tonight.

Special Inquiry

Mr. E. Tsur, director of the Lydda Airport, was nominated by the Ministry of Communications to hold an inquiry into the crash. He left by a special El Al constellation aircraft tonight, together with Mr. L. Cooper, legal adviser to El Al, and five company experts, who will hold an investigation on behalf of the airline. The Swiss government have also ordered an investigation.

The loss of the skymaster will not affect El Al's normal schedules, as this type of plane has now been superseded for passenger services by the company's Constellations. Dr. A. Riwkind, El Al's commercial manager, had left the plane at Rome.

Mr. Pincus told the press tonight that Captain Gibson was a first-class pilot, with more than 8,000 flying hours to his credit. Although a non-Jew he had come to Israel as a Mahal volunteer during the war of liberation and had served with the Israel Air Force. Captain Constant also was an experienced pilot having flown over 7,000 hours. Shlomo Levita had been with the company as a mechanic for more than a year.

Respected Figure

A friend of the crew members writes that the pilots had all been active during the Israel war of independence or had served in the transportation of immigrants.

Ted Gibson was a well known and much respected figure in the air force, having been among the first U.S. volunteers to join. The tall, good looking pilot, who had flown dive-bombers in the U.S. Navy led the Israeli squadrow which bombed Faluja at the height of the siege. He and several comrades did the job with training planes, carrying bomb loads. The aircraft were invariably overloaded and the pilots, all non-Jews, flew as many as six dive-bombing raids a day. After the war, Gibson joined the Near East Airlines, flying immigrants from the Yemen and Iraq, and later became a regular El Al pilot.

Robert (Red) Constant, and George Hessinger have both been flying the immigrant runs. "Red" Constant was a jet test pilot, and he also wrote expert articles in the U.S. about the experimental rocket planes. He married an Israeli and made his home here two years ago.

Terrance Melly, from Johannesburg, was active in the early days in the procurement of material and aircraft for the Israel Air Force.

Reuters and A.P. cables from British report that the undercarriage involved the top of a tree two miles north of the airport runway, causing the plane to plough into the ground. Then the radio operators was thrown clear and broke both his legs. The plane burst into flames making rescue work difficult.

Explosion in Danish Arsenal Kills Fifteen

COPENHAGEN, Saturday (Reuter). — Seventeen people are estimated to have been killed and 34 injured as the result of an explosion in the Danish Naval Arsenal here, late last night.

The explosion was caused by a fire which broke out in a petrol store behind a building where mines were being repaired.

Hundreds of windows in Copenhagen were smashed.

McDaniel Leaves U.S. En Route to Israel

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Bruce McDaniel, newly appointed Director of the Technical Cooperation Administration in Israel, sailed aboard the American Export liner, Exeter, yesterday for the Mediterranean.

Mr. McDaniel will control the allocation of $65m. in U.S. aid granted to Israel under the Mutual Security Act.

He said that, initially, he would be interested in the food situation in Israel and for the first four or five weeks he was going to study the allocation of funds to hydro-electric power, agriculture, irrigation and all branches of food production. He would make his headquarters in Tel Aviv.

46,000 Citrus Cases To Scandinavia

HAIFA, Saturday. — A 46,000-case consignment of oranges will leave aboard the s.s. Baalbeck for Norway tomorrow evening, this season's first shipment to Scandinavia. Citrus exports through Haifa Port are now in full swing.

Haifa XI Wins 3rd Cyprus Tilt

POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday.—The Hapoel soccer team of Haifa played the best game of its tour here today, winning a deserved 3-0 victory against the island's best Greek and last year's island champions — the Apoel eleven.

Hapoel scored the first goal through its inside-left, Martin, 25 seconds before half-time—a classic shot into the goal's left corner.

In the second half, the Greek team gave the visitors some anxious moments. The home team gave its best—but it was not good enough. Hapoel scored two more goals through Orbach and Ginsburg.

Swedish Visitors Beat Maccabi By 1—0

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Djurgarden, the visiting Swedish football team, beat a selected Maccabi team 1:0 at the Maccabi Stadium here today. The first and only goal of the game was shot by a corner kick by Steve Eriksson and intercepted by the inside left, Federborg, who kicked into an empty goal-mouth.

The game was quick and vigorous, but played by the Swedish team with less skill than previously. The Maccabi eleven played well, but missed some very close opportunities due to defects in their forward positions. The defence of both teams was excellent.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Sharett has ordered that a U.S. patrol bomber, missing since Monday 6 for a weather flight over the Sea of Japan, cannot now be presumed dead. Sailors tried to leave it to float.

Soviet Union Warns Big Three And Turkey Against SACME

Arming, Disarming Consistent—NATO

ROME, Saturday, (Reuter) — Most of the speakers at today's meeting here of NATO's Atlantic Council stressed that NATO's rearmament programme was not inconsistent with Western disarmament proposals before the U.N., but part of the same policy.

Signor de Gasperi, the Italian Premier, welcomed the NATO ministers to Rome for this meeting of NATO's supreme organ, and stressed that it was important, in the face of Communist propaganda, to understand that the Atlantic Pact aimed at a constructive peace, based on social justice.

Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, opening the session, welcomed the Greek and Turkish observers to the meeting. He said that Western rearmament and simultaneous disarmament proposals before the U.N. were part of the same policy of maintaining peace through strength.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, said that the West had undertaken rearmament reluctantly, but it was necessary in order to restore the balance between East and West, in order that the latter might negotiate from strength. The real intentions of the West could be tested by taking up negotiations. NATO would develop a positive alternative way of life to Communism.

Vyshinsky Rejects Western Disarmament Plan at Paris

PARIS, Saturday. — **The Soviet Union today rejected the West's new disarmament plan and chided British and U.S. Foreign Ministers with running off to war meetings and leaving "second-rate" delegates to consider peace.**

In a two-hour speech to the U.N. Political Committee, the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, said the tripartite plan was "studiously designed to circumvent" arms reduction.

He asked how the West could be sincere when it proposes rearmament and disarmament at the same time, and said the Atlantic Council meeting in Rome was symptomatic of the current "war psychosis" and "war fever."

M. Vyshinsky offered 12 amendments to the Western proposals, and said that if they were accepted, the Soviets would join a world-wide disarmament scheme. The main points were:

- A one-third reduction of the arms and armed forces of Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and U.S. within one year.
- Absolute prohibition of atomic bombs by the General Assembly.
- Establishment of strict international control to see that the ban is enforced.
- A convention to be drafted by a disarmament commission by February 1, 1952, providing for the prohibition of atomic weapons, the countries of their production and the use of existing atomic bombs for civilian purposes.
- Creation of a commission for atomic energy and conventional armaments.
- Creation of an international control organ under the direction of the Security Council which should check the reduction of all categories of armaments and armed forces and the prohibition of atomic weapons, and would set up a system of efficient international inspection.
- The international organ should proceed with the inspection of all facilities, installations in order to verify whether the ban contained in the proposed convention is being observed.
- All governments should, within a month after the General Assembly bans atomic weapons, deliver complete information of their armaments and armed forces.
- The calling of an international conference to consider the substantial reduction of armaments and practical measures for enforcing the ban on atomic weapons.

Without Anger

M. Vyshinsky said his speech was made without anger and without hubbub, but that the Western proposals were fenced off with reservations.

The Soviet delegate attacked the Western proposal for a joint Middle East Command, saying it was "merely devised to draw the Middle Eastern states into the Atlantic bloc" and would "inevitably lead to the de facto occupation of Middle East countries by the troops of the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand."

Anglo-U.S. references to the necessity of the defence of the Middle East, he said, were being used to cover "measures aimed against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies," which had consistently pursued a policy of peace.

Recalling that the USSR had supported Egyptian demands in the Security Council, M. Vyshinsky said Mr. Eden's speech was scarcely compatible with the conduct of British troops in the Suez Canal Zone. British troops had occupied the zone, he pointed out.

Referring to the U.S. Congress appropriation of $100m. to finance selected persons living in East Europe, as well as persons who had fled from there, "for the purpose of banding them in units for subversive activities, M. Vyshinsky addressed the U.S. delegate, Mr. Ernest Gross, directly and said: "No matter how much we dislike your system or you dislike ours, there still is an agreement on the books. You signed and ratified it. Now go ahead and comply with it—whether or not you like the complexion of my face...."

Fundamental Distinction

M. Vyshinsky said there was a fundamental distinction between the Western and Soviet proposals. The latter said the Atomic Energy and Conventional Armaments Commissions should submit a draft convention by February, 1952, providing measures to ensure the prohibition of atomic weapons, cessation of their production, the use of already manufactured bombs for civilian purposes and the establishment of strict international control — and simultaneous prohibition and international control.

The Western proposals, he said, postponed prohibition and failed to set a date for the disclosure of information.

He taunted the U.S. with losing its atomic bomb monopoly, and said it must be more pleasant to be a monopolist than an overthrown monopolist. He said that in 1947 all members of the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission had agreed to a Soviet resolution which would have outlawed atomic warfare — except the U.S., and added that the U.S. invariably opposes abolition.

(A.P., Reuter, U.P.)

France Walks Out, S. Africa Threatens

PARIS, Saturday (AP). — The French delegate walked out of yesterday's meeting of U.N. Trusteeship Committee in protest against an Iraqi motion that the Committee "consider the situation in non-self-governing territories" (meant to include French Morocco).

A little earlier the South African delegate threatened to walk out of the Committee if it agrees to hear a group of native chieftains from Southwest Africa who plan to testify regarding South African administration in their country.

Sharett and Eden Confer Again

PARIS, Saturday, (UP). — It is learned that Mr. Sharett conferred yesterday at length with Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, before the latter's departure for the NATO Council meeting in Rome, and, according to informed sources, discussed with him a "wide range of topics of mutual interest." Mr. Elath, Israel Ambassador to Britain, was present at the meeting.

According to these sources Mr. Sharett informed Mr. Eden of Israel's attitude to the projected four power Middle East defence plan and the reasons for Israel's hesitations to join SACME "outright" at this stage.

Mr. Eden is understood to have been informed of Israel's willingness, in principle, to cooperate with the West in any genuine security projects for the Middle East which would stabilise the situation and give sufficient safeguards against aggression from "within and without" that area.

Israel was authoritatively stated to have tried recently to buy certain types of arms from Britain, but to have received no answer so far. It is believed that this question was also raised yesterday. A request for arms has been put to the U.S. and some have already been supplied. But the supply of arms from Czechoslovakia has come to a standstill.

Western spokesmen said that there was "a great measure of understanding for Israel's special case." Her anxiety that membership of SACME would endanger the safety of several million Jews behind the Iron Curtain is accepted as a genuine argument. On the other hand the West would find itself in an "embarrassing situation" if Israel were to ask for immediate membership of SACME at this stage.

P.C.C. Completes Report to U.N.

PARIS, Saturday, (UP). — The PCC today completed its report on the failure to promote a settlement between Israel and the Arab states. The report will be handed to Mr. Trygve Lie, for submission to the U.N. General Assembly, early next week.

Outlining the efforts of the Commission since 1948, the report blames both sides for unwillingness to recede from their position. It says that further mediation appeared fruitless in view of past experience and the recent refusal of both sides to accede to the Commission's five point compromise plan.

Informed sources claim that the report avoids specific recommendations as to the PCC's future but implied that the Commission has outlived its purpose. Nevertheless some alternative methods of continuing the PCC's work are said to be envisaged: Either by creating a body at U.N. headquarters in New York which could renew conciliation efforts if and when the opportunity arises, or by splitting the functions of the PCC among existing U.N. organizations, handing the political side to the Mixed Armistice Commission or directly to its head, General Riley.

MOSCOW, Saturday, (AP). — **The Soviet Government warned the Governments of the U.S., Britain, France and Turkey against continuing with plans for a Middle Eastern Command.**

The Soviet notes were handed to the diplomatic representatives of these four governments in Moscow today by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Andrei Gromyko. They declared that the Soviet Union cannot ignore the "new aggressive plans" as embodied in the Middle Eastern Command, "in regions close to the borders of the USSR."

The Soviet note said that all responsibility for any situation arising from this lies on the four governments which are initiating the Middle Eastern Command.

It claimed that these proposals of the four powers to the eight Middle and Near Eastern countries provide:

Subjection of the armed forces of these eight countries to the Middle Eastern Command.

Disposition of foreign military forces on the territory of the eight nations.

The use by foreign forces of military bases, communication facilities, ports and other installations on the territory of the eight countries.

Affiliation with the Atlantic block organization.

M.E. Springboard

The Soviet note claimed that plans for a Middle Eastern Command are in fact "an effort to draw nations of the Middle and Near East into military enterprises being carried out by the aggressive Atlantic bloc." It noted that certain of the four governments are already strengthening their armed forces and bases on the territory of the Middle Eastern nations, and declared that the four powers are "attempting to draw Near and Middle Eastern nations into aggressive military enterprises of the Atlantic bloc."

This the note said, is an attempt "to make the Middle East a springboard for the armed forces of the Atlantic bloc," and is contrary to the will of the people of the countries concerned.

The Soviet note continued: "This means occupation of the Near and Middle East by foreign armies," and is designed to give the organizers of the Middle Eastern Command "a chance for continual interference in the internal affairs of the Middle and Near Eastern nations, and deprives them of their independence."

The note claimed that the four governments are attempting to justify the creation of SACME by alleging the existence of a threat to these countries and a need to defend themselves against this threat.

The note declared: "Such statements are totally without basis" and can only be considered "efforts to deceive public opinion" and direct its attention from "the genuinely aggressive designs of the four governments."

The note claimed that the only threat to Middle Eastern countries is from the organizers of SACME, and continued by declaring that the four nations which are organizing the command refuse to accept the fact that the Near and Middle Eastern peoples have "an inalienable right" to carry on their own affairs free from outside pressure.

It concluded: "The Soviet Government cannot endure these new aggressive designs which are embodied in the establishment of a Middle Eastern Command in regions close to the boundaries of the U.S.S.R. The responsibility for the situation resulting from this rests on the governments organising SACME."

Israel Votes to Halt Greek Executions

Israel's representatives on the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly meeting in Paris on Friday joined India, Guatamala, Uruguay and the Soviet bloc in voting against a ruling of the Chairman, M. Salim Sarper, of Turkey, when he decided against the consideration of Uruguay's motion requesting the Greek Government not to execute recent death sentences against political prisoners.

The Chairman had ruled that the motion was similar to a Soviet proposal which had been ruled as beyond the province of the Committee.

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Social & Personal

Sir Knox and Lady Helm, with Miss Helm, will move from Lydda Airport at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Sir Francis Evans, the newly-appointed British Minister, and Lady Evans, are due to arrive here on December 7.

Congressman Jacob Javits, who arrived on Friday for a brief visit, yesterday called on the Prime Minister and the Mayor of Tel Aviv. Earlier in the day he met the American Ambassador.

Dr. K. J. Mann, Administrative Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, has left for the U.S. for consultation with the National Board of Hadassah.

Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, spoke on "Israel's Foreign Policy" at the first luncheon meeting of the B'nai B'rith Rashi Lodge at the Wiso Club in Tel Aviv on Friday.

Mr. Itshak Gilon (Eshkoli) has left for France on behalf of the Chemical Section of the Manufacturers' Association. He is to take part in the 24th International Congress of the Chemical Industry due to be held in Paris later this month.

Mr. Daniel Enright arrived at Lydda via El Al on Friday to advise Kol Israel on programming and service improvement. Mr. Enright, who will spend six weeks here, is a graduate of the Herzlia Gymnasium.

Prof. F. Ollendorff, Dean of the Electrical Engineering Faculty of the Haifa Technion, will speak on "The Theory of the Double-Beam Amplifier Based upon its Electro-Dynamic Field," at the first scientific colloquium of the new Academic year, at 6 p.m. tomorrow, at the Technion, Room 12.

BRITH MILAH

The Brith Milah of Alon Ben Gurion, son of Amos and Mary Ben Gurion and grandson of the Prime Minister, took place yesterday at the Assutah Hospital in Tel Aviv. Among those present were: The U.S. Ambassador, the British Minister, the Cabinet Ministers, the Knesset Speaker, the Chief of Staff, the President of the Haifa Technion, the Inspector-General of Police, and Congressman J. Javits.

OBITUARY

Mr. NAHUM DOBREN

The death took place in Haifa yesterday morning of Mr. Nahum Dobren, one of the most selfless and devoted workers of the Histadrut Immigration Department. He was 55.

Born in Russia where he was imprisoned for his Zionist activity, he came to Palestine in 1944.

The funeral will leave from his home at 14 Rehov Nordau at noon today.

Dr. FANIA MELNIK

We regret to announce the sudden death in Tel Aviv on Friday night of Dr. Fania Melnik, 48, Director of the Batei Halutzot (girls' hostels) in Israel, and local representative of the American Women's League for Israel.

Born in Lithuania, Dr. Melnik studied at the Hebrew High School in Kovno and later attended university in Germany, where she studied economics and philosophy. She was active in the Zionist and Socialist movements there. During the past 17 years, she helped found and expand the chain of girls' hostels in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Nathanya. She was due to have gone abroad on a study trip shortly.

The funeral procession will leave for Haifa at 11 a.m. this morning from the Bet Halutzot, King George Avenue, Tel Aviv.

MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting in memory of Yehezkel Bri Kloetzel, who died a month ago, will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon under the auspices of the Journalist's Association at The Jerusalem Post.

Price Differences for Arab-Jewish Produce Create Difficult Problem

By Gideon Weigert

The question of the price differences in Arab and Jewish farm produce is a chief topic of conversation among Israel's 175,000 Arabs—be it in urban cafes or at the house of a village Mukhtar.

There are few problems which have been handled so ineptly. The Government has never succeeded in settling the matter of prices for Arab produce, which forms about 40 per cent of the total agricultural output. The mistakes were manifold. First of all, the concession to collect and market vegetables in the "Little Triangle" was given to a group of Army veterans, wholly unfamiliar with the field.

The concession was finally taken from them and handed over to a cooperative society of vegetable wholesalers. Their transactions quickly gave rise to alarming stories of financial manipulation.

They were charged with paying Arab farmers "Grade B" prices for produce sold on the market as "Extra." After having further embittered villagers the concession was withdrawn from the cooperative.

Reconstruction Fund

The Government then took over price control and inaugurated the system, now in effect, of calculating the expenses of Jewish farmers in cultivating one dunam of vegetables. This method takes into consideration irrigation costs, workers' wages, a reasonable profit and the cost of living. It turned out that it costs Arab farmers some 25 per cent less to cultivate a dunam. This money was collected by the Government and placed in a special fund, allocated for reconstruction of Arab villages.

But the farmers claimed that this method was far too inflexible. They argued, as did Jewish farmers, that prices were not changed in accordance with changing seasons and the resultant shifts in production cost.

Government Company

In Arab Galilee, the situation was worse. Here, a seemingly endless chain of middlemen and profiteers rushed to Arab villages daily to buy whatever they could find — at prices far lower than the black market rates in towns.

The villagers felt that they were being tricked but did not know how to end the impasse. Three months ago, a Government-controlled company, "Bustan el Carmel" was established. It consists of three sections: wholesale merchants and cooperatives, private farmers and agricultural cooperatives. The three groups are equally represented in the company. The experiment is too new to be judged, but at best the company is unlikely to encompass the entire problem.

It appears that the only alternatives to attaining a far-reaching and genuine solution are: 1) the enforcement of equal prices for Jews and Arabs on condition that the present policy of free Government service for Arabs is suspended, requiring that Arabs pay for their education and health service, or 2) that the present differences in prices be collected by village treasuries, supervised by themselves, and used after Government approval for productive projects, such as reconstruction, land development and other schemes from which the entire community will benefit.

In regard to the first alternative, there is little chance, however, that Arab villagers will invest their increased funds in reconstruction projects. On the contrary, it may be assumed that part of the money will be used for completely unproductive purposes or transferred across the lines and invested in smuggling.

This is the fourth of a series of articles on Israel's Arabs. The other three appeared on November 1, 5, and 8.

American Newcomers To Meet in Jerusalem

Forty delegates from all parts of Israel, representing more than 1,000 newcomers from the U.S. and Canada will meet in Jerusalem on Tuesday, for the first National Conference of the Hitachdut Olei America.

The Hitachdut, which has received recognition from the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut, was organized in Tel Aviv last May. Since then, branches have been established in Haifa and Jerusalem and in various settlements throughout the country.

At the all-day Conference to be held at the Bet Hahaluzot, the delegates are expected to reaffirm the organization's non-partisan and non-political policy and to work out a programme for enlisting the support of all Zionist bodies in the U.S. and Canada.

The organization is planning a number of housing projects in the major cities and is currently negotiating for 50 prefabricated houses to be erected in the Jerusalem area.

Yesterday's Football Results

3rd Division:

Petah Tikva Hapoel 1, Rishon Letzion Maccabi 0

Cup Games:

Givat Aliyah Hapoel 2, Migdal Gad Hapoel 1
Tiberias Maccabi 3, Acre Hapoel 0
Christian Brotherhood Haifa 7, Nahliel Hapoel 0
Beit Lidd Hapoel 7, Homesetman 0
Beersheba Hapoel 1, Jaffa Betar 0

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Heralia Maccabi 3, Nathanya Maccabi 2

Friendly Games:

Balfouria Hapoel 3, Hadera Hapoel 1
Israel Hapoel 2, Magan Hapoel 0
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Kfar Ata Hapoel 5, Haifa Maccabi 2
Tel Aviv Hapoel 4, Tel Aviv Maccabi 3
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Queue Behaviour

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — (ITIM). — In order to avoid queueing up for a bus, Avraham Pinto, of Tel Aviv, allegedly forged the date of his release from the armed forces in his Army service book to make it appear that he was still on active duty. He was spotted by a senior officer who happened to be waiting for a No. 10 bus here on Friday in the same queue.

Yeddia ben Shmuel Menussi was released on bail in Jerusalem on Friday, after being detained, on charges of forging and uttering a forged document. Together with two friends, Menussi allegedly used the forged movement order in an attempt to enter a military camp.

YOUTH HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. (ITIM). — A 16-year old youth of Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha, charged with attempted murder, was remanded for 15 days by Magistrate Z. Waldman here yesterday. Police allege that with intent to murder the youth shot and wounded Mr. Y. Yompulski on Tuesday while they were both on guard at the settlement.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

6-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Remains. Bus 18A. Feeding time: 3.30-4 p.m.
9-1; 2-5: Exhibition of oil paintings by van Haardt, Paris. Exhibit of the Month: Maria Lani, Plaster cast by Charles Despiau, Bezalel Museum.
10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of Printed Graphic by Israel artists & Exhibition of silk-screen prints by Joel Rohr at the Artists' House.
11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

3-5 p.m.: Israel Collection. Diaspora Artists' Paintings, Art in the 19th and 20th Cent.: selected Works of English and American painters, Tel Aviv Museum.
4.30 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men": Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

4 a.m.-4.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library—Central Synagogue Bld., Rehov Gilfad.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: How Green Was My Valley
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FROM FRIDAY'S PRESS:

Increased Production, Exports Attainable

Production is lagging about 19 per cent behind the population's growth, says "Davar" (Histadrut) in commenting on Mr. Kaplan's Knesset statement. The Finance Minister's view that production is one our main problems, says the paper, is well-founded. Even before the mass immigration, imports were always relied on to cover our production shortages. This gap, in previous years, might conceivably have been closed by gifts and donations from abroad. But, writes "Davar," a population of 1,200,000 is simply too large to permit the continuation of such a policy.

Even now, imports lag behind population growth by about 30 per cent, the paper continues, explaining that this is a direct result of mass immigration, limited exports and insufficient foreign investment. We are not ready to forgo mass immigration, the paper asserts. The extent of foreign investment is largely beyond our influence, but we can achieve increased productivity and export. "Davar" concludes. "Haboker" (General Zionist), on the other hand accuses Mr. Kaplan of not having stressed the problem of foreign investments. This is a result of thinking along party lines. "He was compelled, however, to mention one of the most important items of export—citrus—although everybody knows about the Government's negative attitude towards citrus growers," the paper says.

A regime of economic and social stability can be based only on an agreement. "Haboker continues, and not on the Mapai policy of "Socialism in our time." All declarations about more austerity, more productivity and more exports are under the present circumstances mere phrases, the paper concludes.

"Al Hamishmar," (Mapam) however, demands a more positive attitude towards collective agriculture, greater care in supplying raw materials and a more intensified struggle against the black market. All this can be done only by a Labour government, not by the present, artificial coalition.

Tactical Move

"Hatzofe" (Independent) says that the Haifa seamen now wish for tactical reasons to create the impression that they are striking. We have, however, no reason to assume that there is any dispute between them and the shipping companies, the paper asserts. They recently asked "Shoham" and "Dizengoff" to sign an agreement with them. The companies refused because the offer was not recognized by the Histadrut. The Seamen's secretariat has changed its tactics for one reason only: to be in a position to prevent the sailing of our merchant fleet while remaining on board the ships.

Mr. M. Wilner, the Communist leader, comments approvingly in an article in "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) on the opposition of right-wing, anti-socialist elements in Israel" to the 9-ACME scheme, quoting among others an article by Mr. M. Grossman in "Haboker." The left and left-of-centre groups, such as Mapai on the other hand, are most consistent in their policy against neutrality. This, says the paper, shows that the Cominform was right when it declared, in November 1949, that the Social Democrats were their worst enemies.

No Further Discussion

Dr. Sneh, in "Al Hamishmar," launches a violent attack against the leaders of an opposing faction in Mapam. They should not base a refusal to join the Egyptians in their present struggle on Marxist tenets, he said. Communist newspapers recently received from Russia and other countries clearly demonstrate that those who are responsible for the authoritative interpretation of Marxism have decided unreservedly in favour of the Egyptians, and this, Dr. Sneh says, should spare us any further disputes.

J'lem Juvenile Home Getting Repairs

Long-needed repairs at the Ministry of Welfare's Home for Delinquent Children in the German Colony, Jerusalem, have already begun. About IL.6,000 has been allocated for the project.

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Jerusalem	54	47	19	18

Forecast: Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy during the day with possible slight showers toward evening.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday Dy Maxim. temp. expected today.

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Sanitary and safety conditions in cinemas, as well as problems of taxation, foreign currency allocations and the black market in tickets, will be discussed at the general meeting in Tel Aviv today of the Israel Cinema Owners' Association. The Association represent proprietors of 108 cinemas.

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A husband and wife who were sentenced to six and four months' imprisonment, respectively, by the Tel Aviv District Court last Thursday for operating a brothel have appealed to the High Court in Jerusalem, whose decision, they claim, will serve as a precedent for "other members of their profession."

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An 80-year-old man was allegedly caught stealing a nightgown from a balcony at 7 Rahov Hayarkon in Tel Aviv on Friday.

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A German tourist was detained and released in IL.500 bail when she allegedly tried to smuggle 5000 hidden among her belongings, when she arrived at Lydda Airport on Friday.

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Ayre Friedenberg, who was arrested by Police in Tel Aviv on Thursday on suspicion of having stolen IL.6,000 worth of goods from the Palestine Electric Corporation cooperative store, is not a clerk of the P.E.C. as reported but is employed by the Cooperative, P.E.C. officials have pointed out.

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Uri Avnery, journalist and author, and Yuval Tzur, member of the Matate Theatrical Group, were arrested in Tel Aviv on Friday while illegally posting posters supporting the striking seamen. They were released on bail.

CONTRIBUTE FILM PROFITS

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Forum Films, distributors of the Italian film "Il Grido della Terra," now running at the Tzafar Cinema here, have decided to donate the profit from tomorrow's first performance to Italian flood victims, and from the second performance to children in ma'abarot.

Striking Merchant Sailors Warn Against Being Forced Off Ships

HAIFA, Saturday. — At a public meeting of the seamen here this morning, one of the strike leaders warned that bloodshed might follow if force were used to remove the sailors from their ships. The Port Police yesterday afternoon forced the strikers off the s.s. Galilah after a fight broke out between the crew and volunteers who had come aboard to man the ship.

The seamen alleged that the fight started when one of the volunteers threw a knife and charged that police arrested 11 strikers on the basis of a prepared list.

The crew offered passive resistance to the police, and no one was hurt. Eight of those detained were released on bail yesterday, and the other three were freed this morning. All but eight of the ship's crew had struck.

Volunteers on the ship told press correspondents that they had been sent aboard before the strike was called, and that they would not have agreed to sign on as strike-breakers. Some of them said they had left their shore jobs and that they could not return to them now.

Most of them lack experience, but have been registered with the Seamen's Union for some time. Seven foreign crew members, including two officers, were transferred to other ships.

The s.s. Hadar, whose Chief Engineer had declared that he "could not accept responsibility for the volunteers," sailed for Cyprus yesterday. She will load cargo there before raising steam for Europe, Shoham stated.

The s.s. Nachshon has sailed for Turkey. The s.s. Tafonit is to leave for Europe via Cyprus tomorrow night.

About 500 immigrants who arrived in the s.s. Artzah early yesterday morning waited till dusk before they were taken ashore by motor launches. Although the ship's crew had struck as she entered Port, its members aided the passengers to disembark. The s.s. Negbah is due tomorrow afternoon with 488 immigrants, 122 tourists and returning residents.

Problems of Shoham Discussed by Wydra

HAIFA, Saturday. — Although its expenses were many times higher than those of foreign companies, Shoham maintains competitive freight rates, Dr. M. Wydra, Shoham manager, told the Maritime Club here yesterday.

Shipping is now the only export industry not Government subsidized. Although it now costs three times as much as it did in 1947 to operate the s.s. Kedmah, the income has not changed.

The quick expansion of the merchant fleet has outpaced that of the crews, and their efficiency still left much to be desired. This increased the need for repairs and Shoham now spends an average of £10-12,000 on each ship annually, he said.

Tryfus, Schwartzbart Refused Bail

Former Inspector David Tryfus and ex-sergeant Ze'ev Schwartzbart were refused bail by Dr. M. Smoira, President of the Supreme Court, on Friday, on the grounds that "crimes of violence generally preclude release on bail."

Dr. Smoira said that the fact that the prisoners are now incarcerated with the men they had been instrumental in jailing was a consideration that should have been examined before the verdict of "guilty" was handed down, not afterwards.

The President of the Court also rejected an application for special treatment, which had been based on the fact that the convicted men were on the police force. In appealing for special conditions, the applicants had alleged that there had been "incidents" between them and other inmates of the Tel Mond prison. Dr. Smoira stated that in this case membership in the police force "is not a mitigating factor, but an aggravating one."

Speedy Trial For Black Marketeers

New regulations make it possible to bring black market offenders to trial within 24 hours, Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Commerce, on Friday told 200 food-control inspectors participating in an intensive training seminar in Tel Aviv.

The regulations gave the inspectors police authority, he said. The work of the inspectors was described as essential to the success of the country's ration programme and morale—both in terms of enforcement of regulations and in reducing the burden on consumer and shopkeeper by advice and education.

Dr. Joseph said that the inspectors were also to concern themselves with factors such as the shop's cleanliness and the quality of merchandise. This task could be performed in cooperation with the regional volunteer groups.

Charged With Foreign Currency Deal

An order of detention for 15 days was issued against Notte ben Benyamin Blumenkopf, 40, by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Friday, on charges of trying to buy foreign currency and forging local banknotes.

The police claim that the accused had given Mordecai Beck, owner of the Oneg Cafe, in Jerusalem, IL.10,000 to buy dollars. When Beck failed to make the purchase, police declare the accused complained to them that Beck had returned only IL.9,500, keeping the balance as a brokerage fee.

Mordecai Beck has also been arrested, the police stated.

During the winter, shoe stores in Tel Aviv will serve customers until 1 p.m. and from 3-6 p.m.

Ration News

Jerusalem: Clementinas: 300 grams. Zones 8, 9, Kaf 32, visitors, 38. Potatoes: 3 Kilograms. Zones 4, 11, Yod 7, Yod 15, visitors, 29. Cabbage, vegetable marrow, cauliflower: 250 grams, Zone 9, Yod 42.

$80m. in Bonds Sold in U.S.

Eighty million dollars worth of Israel Independence Bonds were bought in the U.S. between May 1 and November 15, Mr. Henry Montor, Vice-President of the American Financial and Development Corporation, reports. Mr. Montor arrived on Thursday at the invitation of Finance Minister, Z. Kaplan, to discuss the 1952 Bond Drive.

The Treasury has already received $23m., made up in part of cash income from the sales and of loans on accounts of bonds sold. It is hoped that by the end of the year, proceeds from all sales will be transferred.

Mr. Montor has already met with Mr. Kaplan, the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, and the Minister of Commerce, Dr. Dov Joseph.

Mr. Montor will remain in Israel for several days. It is expected that he will also meet Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Kaplan Challenged On Securities Sale

A petition calling on the Finance Minister to rescind orders governing the sale to the Treasury of British securities owned by residents is to be heard by the High Court tomorrow.

Submitted on behalf of 164 petitioners, the application declares that the Finance Minister, in issuing the orders, had neglected to comply with the terms of the Mandatory law under which he had ordered the sale.

The Mandatory law, the petition alleges, permits the Minister to order the sale on condition that the owners be compensated in accord with what the Minister deems to be the prevailing market price.

It is also argued that, as a result of Treasury policy a market for securities does not exist in Israel, and that the proposed exchange rate of IL.1.800 for £1 is unrealistic and based on a "forced sale" policy. The petition claims that the Treasury has often granted far more favourable terms of exchange, particularly to investors.

Messrs. A. Werner and G. Radan, appearing for the petitioners, alleged that in Haifa the Government order was not published until a day or two before the end of the week designated for the securities' sale.

Justices Agranat, Silberg and Sheerbovsky are to hear the petition. It was announced. There was some initial difficulty in constituting the court because a number of the Justices held securities.

Third Securities Sale List Issued

The third list of British securities believed to be in the hands of local residents was published in the Kovetz Hatakanot (Official Gazette) of November 15, bringing to 639 the number of British securities to be sold to the Government.

The new list contains the names of British industrial firms and comprises both ordinary and preference shares. It also indicates the Government-fixed purchase price, which is based on London Stock Exchange quotations as of the beginning of November.

The listed rates vary from 33 pruta (for English Stockings Ltd.) to IL.134 for the 6 per cent preference stock of Guinness (Arthur), Son and Co. Ltd.

Jewellery valued at IL.450 was stolen from the flat of Mrs. Mina Vaisfeld, of 83 Rehov Bugrashov in Tel Aviv recently. The thieves apparently entered with a false key while no one was at home.

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Egyptian Warns West of Hostility

By Gault MacGowan
HAMA Correspondent

PARIS, Saturday. — Dr. Mahmoud Azmi, former legal adviser of King Farouk and a member of the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations Assembly here, said last week: "Twenty million Egyptians will combine against the West in the biggest fifth column of saboteurs in history, if the present Middle East sovereignty dispute is not settled before a hot war starts in Europe."

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Azmi threatened:

There were a lot of Egyptian Moslems, associated with the Mufti of Jerusalem in support of Hitler in the war because of his promise to return Palestine to the Arabs, but that is nothing compared with the hostility to the West that British policy is building.

"But we are not seeking Russian support in our fight for freedom, but the support of the United Nations. We seek to gain and keep our independence. We have a plan to end the dispute, and join the mutual-security system of U.N. We will not have any intermediary." Azmi made the following points:

- The Egyptian Government does not wish to be associated in the North Atlantic Pact, or to collaborate in any defence of the Mediterranean under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The North Atlantic Pact is for mutual defence against Russia. The pact stems from America's quarrel with Russia, and is not of our making. In the cold war, we are neutral and objective.
- The government does wish to re-equip, modernise and properly train its defence forces, and we are ready to accept United Nations aid in doing it, so that we may put our forces at the disposal of the United Nations in case of any aggression in the Middle East. At present, our army is not equipped for modern war. Britain agreed to equip the army under the treaty, and we paid for the necessary arms, but, since the dispute arose, the British have embargoed the dispatch of weapons. The power behind the United Nations is America, and America is the greatest supplier of defence material. We wish to create our defence forces through this channel, in association with our neighbours.
- The strategic defence of the Suez Canal should be entrusted to Egypt, and the Arab League. A mutual-defence treaty has been drawn up which creates a joint council of staff chiefs who, in time of war, would elect a Commander-in-Chief. This treaty has not been ratified by Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The Egyptians believe that Iraq would ratify it if released from its present military treaty with Great Britain; and that Saudi Arabia—home of major American oil interests — would ratify also, on the advice of Washington.
- While the Arab League forces were being trained and equipped by United Nations specialists, the Egyptian government would agree, in case of war, to the United Nations sending any forces—including the British—to protect the Suez Canal. Ships, planes, guns and armour are among the defence items that would be required by the Arab League, and also specialist instruction in radar and electronics.

TAXES. — The Truman Administration has collected some $8,000 million more in taxes from the American people than all previous administrations combined, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinmann

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(Sgd.) Victor Saba

Russia Publishes Warning Note To Egypt and M.E. Countries

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The text of one of the notes handed by Russia to Israel, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq was released here by the Soviet TASS news agency yesterday.

The text was that of the note to Egypt, said to have been delivered by Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko to the Egyptian Ambassador, Anis Azer Bey. The four other notes, TASS said, were "analogous." The note to Egypt said in part:

"Proposals have been mentioned for the creation of an Allied command in the Middle East, the basing on the territory of Egypt and other countries, in the Near and Middle East of foreign armed forces and also the establishment on Egyptian territory of the headquarters of such a command and the placing at the disposal of this command by Egypt, as well as the other countries in this region of armed forces, military bases, communications, ports and other installations.

"At the same time these proposals provide that the so-called Middle Eastern Command will work in conjunction with the organisation of the Atlantic Bloc.

"The Soviet Government has already repeatedly pointed out in its official documents that the aims of the Atlantic Bloc have nothing in common with the defence problems of its participants. On the contrary, facts prove that this bloc pursues aggressive aims and is directed against the U.S.S.R. and countries of the People's Democracies.

Aggressive Measures

"The measures being carried out by the organizers of the Atlantic Bloc in Europe and other regions show that the Bloc is a weapon of the aggressive imperialist policy of its organizers headed by the United States."

The note said the organisation of a Middle East Command meant the setting up of new and the expansion of existing military bases in Egypt, Iran and other countries in the Near and Middle East and also the bringing into their territories of new foreign armed forces contrary to the clearly expressed will of the population in those countries. (See Story on Page 1, Col. 8).

The note said the Soviet Government considered it imperative to stress that "from the first days of the existence of the Soviet State" it had an understanding attitude towards the East and its struggle for national independence and sovereignty.

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Mr. Sachs reportedly noticed the victim wandering near the Committee's storehouses one night. The entire matter has been handed over for legal action. Present at the meeting was Mr. I. Chizik, Negev Committee Chairman.

CROWDS CLEARED FROM ZION SQUARE

The streets of Zion Square in Jerusalem were strangely empty early yesterday evening, with none of the usual Saturday night crowds blocking the roadway. Traffic police, in patrol cars equipped with loudspeakers, instructed pedestrians to keep off the road and not to linger unnecessarily on the sidewalks.

The operation, begun recently along Rehov Ben Yehuda Jaffa Road and King George Avenue is designed to enforce the Municipal by-law against standing in the streets, "jaywalking" and crossing in front of parked vehicles.

About 42 policemen participated in last night's operation under the supervision of Assistant Police Superintendent J. Ortar and Inspector S. Golan. Even members of the police band were called out for traffic duty.

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SPEECH. — Mr. Winston Churchill will be invited to address Congress during his forthcoming visit to Washington, Congressional sources said on Friday.

PAY. — Some 250,000 British shipbuilding workers and more than 2,000,000 engineers are to get extra pay and holidays under a new wages agreement.

AWARD. — Mayor Impellitteri of New York was awarded a special Histadrut Certificate of Merit by Mr. Joseph Barstein, Chairman of the Histadrut delegation to the U.N., at a ceremony in New York on Friday.

British Newspapermen To Visit Israel

LONDON, Saturday (INA). — A British press delegation will visit Israel at the invitation of the Government early next month.

The delegation will consist of Mr. A. P. Wadsworth, Editor of the "Manchester Guardian" and Mr. Charles Davy, Assistant Editor of the "Observer."

It is expected that Mr. Geoffrey Crowther, Editor of the "Economist" and Professor Rushbrooke Williams, Assistant Editor of "The Times," will leave in spring.

ISRAEL DELEGATE PRAISES UNICEF

PARIS, Saturday, (INA). — The Israel delegate to the U.N. Social Committee, Mrs. Zena Harman, praised the U.N. Children's Emergency Fund on Thursday, saying that the fund had now moved logically from an emergency programme to a long-range one.

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Dr. FANIA MELNIK
Director, Batei Halutzot, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Nathanya.
Mrs. William Prince, President
Mrs. David L. Isaacs, First Vice-President

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The tombstone over the grave of the late
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In connection with the re-election of Directors and pursuant to the provisions of Section 142 and 185(5) of the Companies Act, 1948, special notice is hereby given that the following resolution will be proposed at the above-mentioned Meeting:

"That Mr. S. Hoofien, a Director who retires by rotation and who, at the date of the Meeting will be aged over 70 years be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company."

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending the Meeting must arrange for their Warrants to be deposited with the Secretary of the Company at the offices of Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M., Tel Aviv, at least five clear days before the date fixed for the Meeting.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from December 7 to December 21, 1951, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
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NEUTRAL PASHAS

AZMI Pasha has attempted in Paris to blackmail the Western powers into causing Britain to withdraw its forces from the Canal Zone with the threat that "20 million Egyptians were ready to fight the West" if Egypt's demands were not satisfied. No general will give much credence to this figure but still some may see need for renewed appeasement. They may be reminded that even the White Paper on Palestine, issued on the eve of the last war, yielded nothing but an uncertain neutrality that turned into active fifth column attempts in Iraq and, in Egypt, to a panic readiness to yield whenever German invasion seemed to threaten.

There is more significance in Azmi's suggestion that Egypt is ready to cooperate with U.N. troops in the defence of the Canal Zone — "even if these are British"— a face-saving device that may indicate that Egypt is willing to compromise on the main principle involved, the removal of British troops, so long as this can be made to look like a political victory to the Egyptian public.

The essence of the Egyptian situation, as of that of all the Arab states barring perhaps the Lebanon, is that the country is still too closely bound by the remnants of its feudalism to make it a reliable partner for either East or West, and that for this reason its threats are as empty as its promises are valueless. An Egypt that protests rather than moves in the Canal Zone, where the sudden activity of the British forces has supplied an excuse for action, will fight no power within the next few years, whatever the price paid in fair words, arms, or the cold-shouldering of Israel. Egypt will fight no active war against any great power that may seek to invade it, and it will not give more than passive support to any great power with which it may be linked. To pursue a total war the pashas still have too much to lose, and the peasants too little to gain.

At the same time it is impossible overnight to conjure up good-will to wipe out the xenophobia built up during 50 years of British rule or influence, and carefully fanned since 1948 to replace anti-Zionism as the chief cement of the brittle fabric of the Arab League. This hostility, directed mainly against the West, is genuine and must be reckoned with, as must Egypt's hostility to Israel. But much as the Arab rulers detest the interfering West, they go in mortal terror of the incalculable East, which would not only annex their resources but strengthen the feared Communist movements in their countries, and shuffle their governments.

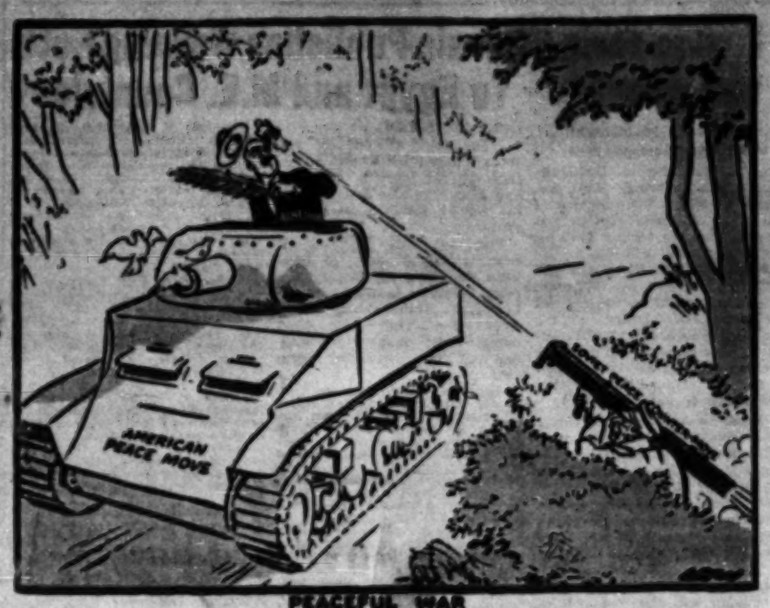
It is true that Egypt desires neutrality in the East-West conflict, though not the neutrality of friendship, but that of the need to escape from contact with a world that places limitations on pashas' privileges. No doubt Azmi was also right in saying that Egypt sought arms. It does, and it might use them, on a small scale against Britain and on a slightly larger one against Israel. In a conflict of the great powers it would let them rust.

Members of Sudan U.N. Delegation in London

LONDON Saturday, (Reuter). — Two members of the Sudanese pro-independence Umma Party arrived in London today, on their way to Paris, where they will push the cause of their party in the lobbies of the U.N. A third member is expected to arrive from Khartoum today.

The Umma Party has an overwhelming majority in the Sudan Legislative Assembly. It seeks independence for the Sudan, as opposed to some other Sudanese parties, which seek closer relations with Egypt.

In Khartoum today, the Sudan Government announced that it would go ahead with the framing of a constitution for the country, in spite of the resignations from the Constitution Amendment Commission.



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THE AMERICAN SCENE — By Kenneth Harris

Candidates and Conquerors

WASHINGTON.— WHILE no Democrat has announced that he will try for the Democratic Party's nomination, there are now two Republicans in the field for the Republican nomination for the 1952 Presidency.

Senator Robert Taft, the Mid-West ex-isolationist from Ohio, has been campaigning for over a month. Governor Earl Warren of California has only just begun, though he is no stranger to the American people. He ran for the Vice-Presidency when Mr. Dewey ran for the Presidency in 1948.

Governor Warren may turn out to be a very important factor in Republican affairs next year. If Mid-West conservative Republicans stubbornly stick to Taft, and if East Coast Republicans stubbornly stick to General Eisenhower, the party may have to compromise on a third person, and this would probably be Earl Warren.

MacArthur Fades Out

The Governor, who has been in public affairs for 30 years, holds views on foreign policy as progressive as those of Eisenhower, and on domestic policy, if the General is reported correctly, more progressive. He does not make the impression of an intellectual or a man of great vision or even of dynamic character, but he seems to have courage and dignity.

When he came back from Korea, General MacArthur said he would "fade away," but in fact he has not faded away — he just fades, now in, now out, depending on whether there is a good listening public handy. Recently, he used the centenary celebrations of Seattle, Washington, to make another political speech. He blasted — if terminological puff-balls can blast—the "Socialist plannera," "appeasers" and "intriguers" of the Truman Administration and warned his fellow-countrymen against "creeping sabotage," "quagmires of political ineptitude," and the "Iron Curtain" which "may be threatening to descend on our own land." Applause, sometimes of tremendous volume, is reported to have interrupted his 40-minute speech. But there were whistles and groans too, and even the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. who normally can never agree on anything, protested strongly that MacArthur should not have been allowed to make a political speech at a civic, non-partisan occasion.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, who negotiated the Japanese peace treaty for the U.S., will find several problems when he goes out to Japan early next month to make final arrangements for presenting the treaty to Congress for ratification in January.

U.S. Setback in Japan

The main cause of concern in the United States is that Premier Yoshida has been making public statements indicating far more interest in making trading agreements with Communist China than the United States thinks desirable. It is recognized in Washington that Premier Yoshida is under pressure from both the Right and Left wing — from businessmen and manufacturers who need Chinese raw materials and markets, and from various political elements. Trade relations, it is also recognized, lead to recognition.

The American position has been made difficult by General Chiang Kai-shek. After his Ambassador in Washington indicated that he would be satisfied if Japan recognized Chiang's Government as the government of Formosa, the General angrily insisted on Japan's recognizing him as the Government of all China.

The U.S. has had another setback: there is no sign that the Churchill Government will withdraw recognition from the Chinese Communists. Washington is also concerned with the problems of converting U.S. forces in Japan from "occupation" troops to a "security" force. Relations between the Japanese people and American soldiery are not ideal, and Mr. Dulles is expected to put strong pressure on General Ridgway to take from his forces the privileges which remind the Japanese they are a conquered people.

Report on Spain

The U.S. military mission which recently returned from Spain has now reported to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I understand that they "found more or less what they were expected to find" — which suggests that their report will not cause the Joint Chiefs to revise their intention of making Spain's forces and bases an integral part of Western defences.

The military mission confined its activities to a detailed survey of Spain's installations and entered into no discussions with Franco on what he is prepared to offer and at what price.

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Congressman Fine

BESIDES representing New York's 23rd district in Congress, Mr. Sidney A. Fine, who has paid a brief visit here, is a lawyer who has specialized in helping City employees to correct grievances and make sure their rights are properly observed.

"How long have I been in *that* fight? Well, I've been practising law for 25 years... and I guess I've been representing the employees of the Municipality for 21. Some of the things we fight for are special pay for work on Sundays, nights and holidays."

"I've come here to familiarize myself with the country. After all, I'm chairman of Bonds for Israel in the 23rd... and active in UJA and ZOA."

In addition to meetings with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Fine has toured the country extensively, visiting *ma'barot*, kibbutzim, Malben institutions and industrial enterprises.

Thrilled by "the drive of the Jewish spirit to overcome difficulties," Mr. Fine kept referring to the beauty of the country, "Kiryat Anavim, Maale Ha'hamisha and the gardens at the Malben hospital at Mahane Israel... they were all so very beautiful..."

The Congressman's repeated references to the country's beauty prompted this reporter to enquire if he had a deep interest in horticulture.

"No, sir," he laughed, "But I have a very beautiful wife!"

MUSICAL DIARY

THE I.P.O.'s Third Subscription Concert at the Edison on Wednesday was a memorable event—for several reasons." It opened with an inspired rendition of Mendelssohn's overture "Fingal's Cave," conducted by George Singer. This was followed by the Israel première of Bohuslav Martinu's Symphony No. 4, written in 1945. Martinu is the foremost contemporary Czech composer, whose music vividly demonstrates the fact that the hegemony of German music passed with the 19th century. Martinu's Fourth is a straightforward, vital composition, remote from any concept of "Weltanschauung" and "Tiefsinn."

The first movement is based on two short one-bar elements. We felt a suggestion of Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" and a Bartok-like harmony. After reaching "Half time"—to use the title of an earlier Martinu work—there was a sudden, calming change, comparable to Honegger's "Lithurgic Symphony."

The orchestra did a praiseworthy job with an involved score — and Singer surpassed many guest conductors heard locally.

The last time we heard Rubinstein on the Continent was almost two decades ago. Listening again at the Edison, we were overwhelmed anew. There was a majestic quality in his interpretation of the Brahms' Second Piano Concerto—perfect control plus complete mastery of phrasing and rhythm. Rubinstein does not know pomposity or overstatement — even melancholy here was discreet and unabased. We sat, from beginning to end, enthralled—as did the entire audience.

Heroic Tenor

Miklos Gafni's recital at the Edison on Thursday expounded vast material although he lacks platform experience. A typical dramatic hero-tenor of the Teutonic school, his carrying capacity easily filled the hall. But in the old Italian arias, Verdi or Leoncavallo, he modulates little the different styles. In Puccini's E lucevan le stelle, lyrical sweetness was missing and there was none of the erotic fluidity in the Don Juan Tenorio, just as inaccessible with bel canto. We were waiting for piano indicating voice culture, instead of falsetto. However Gafni has the privilege of youth and promises much. Michael Taube was first-rate at the piano.

FRANGO

Klemperer

Conductor Otto Klemperer, de-planing in Montreal, slipped and fractured his thigh and has been forced to cancel his engagements for the season.

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STREAMLINING TRANSPORT

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Your editorial of Nov. 14, on the Egged dispute and related transport problems, mentioned three possibilities about the proper integration of these transport monopolies into the traffic network.

It seems, however, that another possibility has been overlooked. I think, that the state, by popularizing and streamlining the transport system it owns, and controls, namely, the railways should be able to improve things considerably in interurban transportation.

In a number of European countries, railroads, and postal authorities which happen to belong here to the same ministry, run their own bus services. I propose that the railways here should run a number of bus services as extension and feederlines, together with the Israel Post Office (mobile postal services), and based mainly on existing train services (examples: Hadera to Affula, to connect with Tel Aviv-Hadera trains, Hartuv to Beersheba, to connect with Tel Aviv-Jerusalem trains, etc.), while, for the time being, railway stations would serve as terminals for buses managed by the railways.

The railways claim, that for lack of locomotives and passenger coaches, they are unable to extend their passenger services. Here, it could use, at least as a stop-gap measure, rail-buses. Railbuses are by no means a novel feature — they need no rubber tyres, and economize on fuel and spare-parts. The giant buses now being imported, are not very suited to our rather narrow roads—but some of them would do nicely as railbuses.

A good combined railway-bus service, run by the Israel Railways exclusively, would serve as an excellent means to keep certain bus companies in check, by good service, and popular prices, thus competing effectively with the bus monopolies.

Yours etc,
FRANZ HICHENBERG

Tel Aviv, Nov. 15

PAPER POSTCARDS — In reply to a "Keeping Posted" paragraph on the shortage of 15 pruta postcards, the Postmaster General announces that this is due to lack of paper, and all steps are being taken to supply postcards for local use within a very short time.

Ministry of Communications

Nov. 11.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

ECONOMIC REVIEW BEGUN

By GERDA LUFT

THE election of President Chaim Weizmann for his second term was a foregone conclusion. It was clear that no other candidate would be proposed and that Dr. Weizmann's majority would be overwhelming. The election took little more than an hour.

The voting by secret ballot which brought members to the ballot-box that had been placed before the Speaker's chair provided a new spectacle for the Knesset. There have been ceremonies before but nothing like this procession of all the members to the ballot-box, followed by the vote counting and the singing of the national anthem.

Nationality Law

The Knesset at last got to work on the Nationality Bill. The anomalous position created by the existence of a state which does not provide regular passports for its citizens has been maintained too long.

The first reading of the bill and its passing to committee has not however solved any of the issues. Neither the question of dual nationality which concerns those immigrants who want to retain their present citizenship nor that of the Arab citizens of Israel was answered conclusively. Despite a number of speeches which dealt with the problems involved, many of the addresses contained so much extraneous appeal to patriotic sentiment that they hindered clear analysis of the case. Often the debate resembled familiar discussions at party meetings. In this respect, new members in the House are as much to blame as are the veterans.

Economic Debate Begins

The big economic debates upon which the present session will pivot opened with the Finance Minister's introduction of the new Foreign Currency Control bill. This was the first occasion for a review of finance and production. The second will be the budget speech, due within a fortnight. It is regrettable that the debates on economic policy are being split up into separate chapters. This will only create repetitious argument and cause interest to flag despite the importance of the issues to be decided. More serious yet is the danger that this splitting-up of the debates will hinder emergence of a lucid picture of our position.

The control of foreign currency and the yearly budget are two sides of the same coin. It was significant that Mr. Kaplan used the first chance to outline the main features of the government's policy, i.e. austerity and harder work. It will be the task of the next week's debate to fill in the framework with informed criticism and practical proposals.

Commissions at Work

At least those Knesset members working in the economic committees should, by now possess the basic facts. Problems of production—in agriculture as well as industry—are being studied by sub-committees of the economic committee and they are being worked upon on the assumption that foreign currency will be even scarcer next year. Results of the general debate will depend largely on the ability of these committees to utilize the material at their disposal.

Moral Crisis

The question put by Mr Ariav to the Prime Minister concerning protection of farmers' property touched upon the nation's moral crisis. His demand that "instructions" be given to judges was rightly rejected by Mr. Ben Gurion, and Mr. Ariav hastened to assure the public that he did not intend to interfere with the independence of the Bench. The entire issue, however, needs much more than a casual question-and-answer treatment. The plight of farmers who see crops endangered by thieves, against whom they and the police alike are helpless, is symptomatic of a crumbling of values, far more dangerous than material losses. It would be equally perilous to encourage farmers to take the law into their own hands. Since many of the offenders are said to be new immigrants, serious friction might ensue between them and older settlers. The Knesset must explore this issue very fully.

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DEFENCE SERVICE LAW, 1949.

Order to report for Registration and Medical Examination for Service in the Reserves

By virtue of the power vested in me in accordance with paras. 4 (A), 5 (A) and 7 (B) of the Defence Service Law, 1949 (I), I hereby order as follows:

Interpretation

1. In this order "Eligible for Service in the Reserves" means a woman, permanently resident in this country, eligible for military service who is
a) an unmarried woman, born between September 7, 1918 and September 30, 1933, both dates inclusive, who has not yet served in the Israel Defence Army; excepting a mother, a pregnant woman and a woman who has reported for medical examination and Regular Service under Recruiting orders for Regular Service published at the time in Reshumot or in the Press.
b) a married woman born between September 7, 1913 and March 16, 1934, both dates inclusive, who has not yet served in the Israel Defence Army, excepting a mother and a pregnant woman.

Reporting for Registration and Determining Health Category.

2. Every woman eligible for service in the Reserves is hereby called upon to report for registration and medical examination in order to determine her health category for Defence Service at one of the places set out below in Table I, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, on the date indicated in Table II opposite the initial letter of her surname.

Reporting for service in regular forces.

3. Every woman eligible for service reporting as ordered in Para 2 and found fit for defence service, is hereby ordered to report for Service in the Reserves at the time and place fixed in Para 2.

Title

4. This order will be called "Order for Defence Service (Call up for Registration, Medical Examination, and Service in the Reserves) (No. 2), 1951."

TABLE A

1.	Jerusalem	Recruiting Office, Darouti Building, near Barclays Bank.
2.	Tel Aviv-Jaffa	Recruiting Office, 7 Rehov Tarshish, Jaffa.
3.	Ramat Gan	Recruiting Office, Rehov Arlosoroff, corner of Rehov Hahashmona'im.
4.	Hadera	Recruiting Office, Kupat Holim Lane, near General Labour Exchange.
5.	Haifa	Recruiting Office, 32 Rehov Mukhliss.
6.	Affuleh	Recruiting Office, Rehov Yehoshua, opp. Solel Boneh.
7.	Tiberias	Recruiting Office, Kiryat Shmuel.
8.	Rehovot	Recruiting Office, Rehov Batia Makov.
9.	Lydda	Recruiting Office, No. 42 Rehov "Heh," Hanoar Haoved Bldg.
10.	Beersheba	Recruiting Office, Main Road.

TABLE B

Aleph — Bet — Gimmel: Wed. or Thurs., Nov. 28 or 29, 1951.
Dalet ... Heh: Fri., Nov. 30, 1951.
Vav — Zayin — Het: Wed. or Thurs., Dec. 5 or 6, 1951.
Tet — Yod: Fri., Dec. 7, 1951.
Kaf — Lammed — Mem: Wed. or Thurs., Dec. 12 or 13, 1951
Nun — Samakh: Fri., Dec. 14, 1951.
Ayin — Peh — Zaddi: Wed. or Thurs., Dec. 19 or 20, 1951.
Kof — Resh: Fri., Dec. 21, 1951.
Shin — Tav: Wed. or Thurs., Dec. 26 or 27, 1951.

Every woman, as stated above, failing to comply with this Order will be liable, in accordance with Para 16 (A) of the Defence Service Law, 1949, to imprisonment up to two years or to a fine up to IL.500, or both.

Every person reporting for registration should bring along three photographs (size 4 x 6 cm.), and Identity Card (or Registration voucher), a married woman her marriage certificate, and Immigration Certificate.

Sgd. ARON NIV,
RECRUITING OFFICER

November 19, 1951.

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